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the captain, and his own observations and alterations for improving the service which his experience may suggest to him in the passengers' interest.

Such log book shall be numbered, stamped, and signed by the harbor master at port of sailing, and shall be written out without any vacant spaces or erasures, and shall be closed and signed every twenty-four hours.

The government surgeon and the captain shall agree about the regulations for the discipline on board in respect of hours for rising, cleaning out of the compartments, meals, allowing passengers on deck, medical visits, general silence, and filling up of tubs with fresh water from time to time as prescribed.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Smallpox at St. John and vicinity.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *December 10, 1901.*

SIR: In reference to the smallpox situation here at present, I beg leave to report that during the epidemic there have been 76 cases of the disease in the city and suburbs, with 19 deaths. During the week ended December 8, 16 new cases were reported and 3 additional cases yesterday, but none to-day.

Apart from this immediate vicinity, scattering cases traceable to St. John are reported from 5 other localities in the province, to wit, St. Marys (near Fredericton), St. George, Waasis (suspect), Moncton, and Jemsgig. There is still a large unvaccinated population in St. John as well as throughout the province. As yet there has been no systematic effort on the part of the authorities of this city to furnish free vaccination to those applying * * * .

The epidemic is not confined to any one locality and exists also among the seafaring population. The United States consul's records show that 65 vessels cleared from here for United States ports during the month of November and it is estimated that between 40 and 50 will clear this month.

The crews of these vessels are now fairly well vaccinated, but as their crafts pass slowly along the coast from harbor to harbor there is a special element of danger to small seaports from an infected vessel of this sort.

Respectfully,

M. VICTOR SAFFORD,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox at St. John decreasing.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *December 14, 1901.*

SIR: I beg leave to report that there has been a marked decrease in the number of new cases of smallpox here this week. Only 2 new cases and 1 death have occurred during the last six days, while the number of cases for the preceding week was 16. The total number of cases reported in St. John and vicinity up to date is 78 with 20 deaths. There has also been a decided improvement in the methods of handling the disease,

although they have hardly been in operation long enough to account for the present diminution in the number of cases.

The city is now provided with suitable hospitals for isolating patients, but up to recently many of them received treatment in their own homes.

For the above reasons and because the past measures for disinfection have probably been ineffectual in most instances and because there is still a large number of unvaccinated people in the city, I do not yet feel warranted in withdrawing my recommendation in reference to inspection of vessels as telegraphed to the Bureau on the 7th instant. I believe no danger of the spread of the disease is to be apprehended from the other localities in this province where cases have thus far been reported.

No instructions from the Bureau have reached me since the 5th instant.

Respectfully,

M. VICTOR SAFFORD,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Inspection of immigrants at Halifax, St. John, and Quebec for the week ended December 14, 1901.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, December 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there were no transactions at the port of Halifax for the week ended December 14, 1901.

At the port of St. John there were inspected 2 immigrants. Passed, 1; detained, 1; cause of detention, trachoma, 1.

At the port of Quebec there were inspected 3 immigrants. Passed, 2; detained, 1; cause of detention, trachoma, 1.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Maritime quarantine transactions for the months of September and October, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., November 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions of the quarantine service for the Philippine Islands for the month of September, 1901, as follows:

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued—	
To United States ports.....	8
To foreign ports.....	38
To domestic ports.....	222
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	43
From domestic ports.....	199
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	1, 466
Steerage.....	4, 281
Number of crew inspected.....	9, 496
Number of vessels in quarantine.....	1